

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this is to provide notice of an ex parte communication regarding WT Docket No. 01-184, Verizon Wireless' petition for forbearance from the wireless number portability (WNP) requirements.

On Friday, March 15th, I had phone call with Sam Feder, Interim Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, in which I reiterated my oppositon to forbearance and repeated arguments made or disclosed in my previous filings. In particular, I suggested that carriers failing to meet the WNP deadline be penalized and/or be required to offer call forwarding. I also asked for assurance that carriers won't try to use term contracts to keep customers from porting. Specifically, I asked for a declaration or rule that choosing to port a number out will not automatically trigger a contract termination: at the least, customers must be allowed to continue on their current contract at the regular monthly rate (perhaps with the carrier assigning a new number) rather than be forced to pay a termination fee.